

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended and claims 9-14, which were added after the filing of the Reissue application, have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1-8 are pending. No new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 was objected to for containing informalities. In particular, the recitation of "expect" in line 5 was objected to and the Examiner indicated that the claim should be amended to recite "except." As such, claim 1 has been amended according to the suggestion of the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the claim objection be withdrawn.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251 as allegedly being improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. Although Applicant does not agree with the rejection, claim 14 has been cancelled.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §251 be withdrawn.

All rejections and objections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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